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| <b>Agenda Item #</b> | 5                                   |
| <b>Meeting Date</b>  | September 13, 2004                  |
| <b>Prepared By</b>   | Chief C. Creamer                    |
| <b>Approved By</b>   | Barbara B. Matthews<br>City Manager |

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| <b>Discussion Item</b>       | Cross Jurisdictional Crime Prevention   |
| <b>Background</b>            | <p>The residential streets surrounding the Takoma Metro Station serve as main thoroughfares for pedestrian traffic utilizing the metro. Neighborhoods in close proximity to the metro have not been immune to criminals who seek victims to rob. Typically, once a crime trend has been identified, an increase in police presence occurs. This presence occurs in the form of overt and covert operations, often involving multiple law enforcement agencies. A recent examination of existing conditions (after dark) was conducted on several streets adjacent to the metro station. Conditions lending to an unsafe environment were noted and steps will be taken to make improvements. Identification of inadequate lighting and overgrown vegetation is the first step to this multi-dimensional problem. Sustained levels of cooperation between a variety of governmental agencies operating in this area, could serve as a long term solution to address a variety of crimes including robbery and drug sales/possession, as well as other quality of life issues. The CSAFE model has been in place in the International Corridor for several years and has been quite successful in bringing together government representatives from three different governments, as well as the people who live and work in that area. The Takoma Park Police Department aspires to replicate this model in the area adjacent to the Washington, D.C. border, in an effort to improve the quality of life for the people who live, work and visit our City.</p> |
| <b>Policy</b>                | N/A   |
| <b>Fiscal Impact</b>         | \$150,000 (estimate)  |
| <b>Attachments</b>           | None  |
| <b>Recommendation</b>        | None - Informational Only   |
| <b>Special Consideration</b> | None  |